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1. Summoned by his local labor office for service in the Oder River dredging operations, a twenty-two-year-old inhabitant of Renda (J44) was shipped instead to Ruden Island in the Baltic, where he was lodged in a barracks enclosure together with approximately 1,000 other young Germans.
2. Soviet naval officers interrogated the prisoners from time to time, asking if they were willing to join the Soviet Navy. Those who replied in the negative were then asked if they would like to work for the Russians in the Russian Zone or if they would prefer to return to their homes.
3. The young man in question told his interrogators that he preferred to go home. He was subsequently beaten several times and finally shipped off by rail to an unknown destination. He escaped from the train during the night and is now in hiding in the Russian Zone.

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